

It seems to me that television stations and/or networks using the public airwaves should not air politically partisan programs without acknowledging that such programming is paid advertising and in fact it is my understanding that they are mandated to adhere to this standard. So it comes as something of a shock that Sinclair Broadcasting appears to be preparing to do exactly that with its plans to air--and to compel all of its television outlets to air--what it freely admits is an anti-John Kerry film called "Stolen Honor." It is a further affront to broadcasting standards and good and fair journalism to preempt scheduled prime time programming just days before the Presidential election in order to sway voters to Sinclair's well-known political viewpoint. And it is especially bold and offensive to try to pass this advertising off as being "news." Doesn't "news" deserve to be broadcast more or less as it occurs and doesn't that common-sense notion lay bare the political motivation of Sinclair Broadcasting. I would urge the FCC and the FEC to take action to prevent Sinclair Broadcasting from violating the public trust, regulatory guidelines and election law and to consider the immediate revocation of Sinclair's broadcast licenses in the event the company actually proceeds with this ill-considered and blatantly biased political act.